

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1235

By Helton

A RESOLUTION to honor Judge Don W. Poole on the occasion of his retirement from the bench.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing one of the finest judges this State has ever produced, namely Hamilton County Criminal Court Judge Don W. Poole; and

WHEREAS, Judge Poole is taking a much-deserved retirement after sixteen years of dedicated and insightful service, having decided not to seek another term in the upcoming election; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Judge Poole was elected to serve as the Criminal Court Judge for Hamilton County and was subsequently reelected in 2014 by the citizens of Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, prior to his judicial service, Judge Don Poole was in private practice from 1972 to 2006 and previously served as an Assistant District Attorney in Hamilton County; he has served in the Judge Advocate Generals Corps of the United States Armed Forces and as a clerk for the Tennessee Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Judge Poole has been specially recognized by Court Watchers and named a recipient of the Outstanding Judicial Service Award; and

WHEREAS, a proud Tennessean, Judge Don Poole received his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and his J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law; and

WHEREAS, an active part of his community, Judge Poole is a member of the Rotary Club and Brainerd United Methodist Church, where he serves as a Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure on the bench, Judge Poole has exhibited the greatest integrity and a strong commitment to justice, and he is most worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that it is a pleasure and a privilege for this body to honor Judge Don W. Poole on the occasion of his retirement from the bench. We extend to him our gratitude for a difficult job well done and our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.